



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 5 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 234 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 30, 2021, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 2021, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through October 30, 2021 for the United States were 7.98 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	32,678	31,759	33,084	30,262	31,803	31,588
Arkansas .....	24,842	24,678	24,101	23,088	24,667	24,092
Delaware .....	4,053	4,055	4,047	4,161	4,440	4,507
Florida .....	1,186	1,198	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia .....	34,103	34,241	32,883	32,947	33,382	34,737
Kentucky .....	7,543	7,905	7,018	7,460	7,866	8,202
Louisiana .....	3,108	2,880	2,858	2,976	3,123	3,032
Maryland .....	7,915	7,915	7,744	7,590	7,807	7,856
Mississippi .....	17,224	15,747	16,769	16,362	16,839	16,735
Missouri .....	9,510	9,224	9,659	9,188	9,274	8,708
North Carolina .....	24,744	23,118	23,583	23,698	24,530	24,931
Oklahoma .....	7,700	7,125	7,382	7,316	7,734	7,876
Pennsylvania .....	6,450	6,583	6,578	6,569	6,431	6,560
South Carolina .....	5,847	5,818	5,669	5,823	5,859	5,475
Texas .....	17,375	17,084	17,453	17,734	18,159	18,020
Virginia .....	6,674	6,468	6,591	6,710	6,726	6,420
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,692	12,780	12,427	12,616	12,472	12,483
Other States .....	11,240	11,738	12,738	12,351	11,250	12,018
United States .....	234,884	230,316	231,778	228,045	233,556	234,434
Percent of previous year .....	107	102	107	102	106	105

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	September 25, 2021	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	24,216	24,062	22,573	22,520	21,819	23,443
Arkansas .....	20,700	18,924	20,072	20,896	21,029	19,892
Delaware .....	4,809	3,681	3,847	4,522	4,411	4,466
Florida .....	1,284	1,302	1,311	1,301	1,256	1,335
Georgia .....	26,174	26,436	25,236	26,435	26,164	25,328
Kentucky .....	5,374	5,964	5,681	6,104	5,877	5,759
Louisiana .....	2,705	2,060	2,676	2,711	2,414	2,322
Maryland .....	4,736	5,335	4,796	5,405	5,218	4,992
Mississippi .....	13,430	13,604	13,445	14,034	12,775	13,773
Missouri .....	6,360	6,793	5,189	7,044	6,718	5,978
North Carolina .....	18,821	18,032	18,438	19,481	18,840	18,547
Oklahoma .....	3,902	3,629	4,512	3,772	3,475	4,545
Pennsylvania .....	4,938	4,814	4,884	4,674	4,693	4,735
South Carolina .....	3,794	4,650	5,503	4,751	4,896	4,725
Texas .....	13,663	14,371	12,842	13,813	13,577	13,576
Virginia .....	5,475	6,388	6,248	5,568	5,487	5,570
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,259	10,051	10,937	9,388	10,403	10,256
Other States .....	9,050	9,251	9,299	8,473	8,937	9,765
United States .....	180,690	179,347	177,489	180,892	177,989	179,007
Percent of previous year .....	97	99	98	102	98	105

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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